(c) The post of Bill Issuer being non-selection post, promotion thereto is made on seniority-cum-suitability basis, the suitability of persons concerned having been adjudged by a senior scale officer in the Parliament House Catering Complex.

(d) and (e) The qualification for future recruitment to entry grade of Waiter in the pay scale of Rs. 2610—3540 has since been prescribed as Class 8th. They will be eligible for further promotion on seniorty-cum-suitability basis as Head Waiter in grade Rs. 2650—4000 and then as Bill Issuer in grade Rs. 2750—4400.

Promotion for Class IV employees

2876. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Class IV employees working in Railway Canteens in Parliament Complex (Northern Railway) are given promotion as per seniority;

(b) if so, whether the educated and qualified Class IV employees are ignored in giving promotions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to encourage and promote those Class IV employees who are educated, by selecting through conducting exams, etc. and ignoring the seniority list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) All higher grades posts in group 'D' other than initial recruitment grade are filled in on seniority-cum-suitability basis being non-selection posts. Suitability of staff is adjudged in order of their seniority. At present, there is no provision to give promotion to the staff solely on the basis of educational qualification, ignoring the seniority.

Fore-warning of earthquakes

†2877. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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